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re Application of:

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Group Art Unit No. 2833

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STICK

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Box AF
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 18, 2002, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 27 and 28 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-26 and 29 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A connector comprising:

a housing defining an interior channel and having two opposing sides,
wherein said housing includes opposing first and second engagement surfaces
defining at least one opening having at least one indent; and

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